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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 2

VIENNA PASS TO MR HUFFCUT FOR SECRETARY DENT (THIS IS THE
FIRST SPECIAL SUMMARY FOR SECRETARY DENT).

COUNTERCOUP SQUASHED IN KABUL?

RUMORS ARE RIFE THAT A PLOT OF SENIOR MILITARY
OFFICERS WAS CRUSHED YESTERDAY, EMBASSY KABUL
REPORTS. THE EMBASSY LEARNED FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE
SOURCES THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY
ARRESTS WERE MADE IN THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS,
ACCOMPANIED BY CONSIDERABLE MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND
THE CAPITAL. ONLY FOUR ARRESTEES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED
SO FAR, AND THEY ARE ALL PROMINENT AND HIGHLY SIGNIFI-
CANT, ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY. KABUL RADIO ALSO
BROADCAST YESTERDAY AN ACCUSATION THAT PAKISTAN
WAS INVOLVED IN A PLOT INTERFERING WITH AFGHANISTAN'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 6844, 9/21.

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CHILE:

A. AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED

EMBASSY SANTIAGO CONSULAR OFFICERS CONFIRMED FOUR AMERICANS AMONG THE LIST OF DETAINEES BEING HELD AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM, AND WERE ASSURED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED THIS MORNING. THE EMBASSY HAS NO CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER US DETAINEES, BUT IS CONTINUING TO TRY AND LOCATE FIVE REPORTED MISSING. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 4473, 9/21.

B. JUNTA REQUESTS PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTANCE

IN A MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE ASKED AMBASSADOR DAVIS FOR US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD, CITING A LACK OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE IN COPING WITH THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE COME UP. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 4465, 9/21. (NOFORN).

JAPANESE FIRM ON PRG QUESTION WITH DRV

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TOKYO THAT JAPAN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DRV WERE AT TIMES HEATED ON THE ISSUE OF THE PRG. THIS WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE ISSUE IN THE TALKS LEADING TO JAPAN'S ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE DRV, THE OFFICIAL SAID, NOTING THAT JAPAN HELD FIRM THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND MADE NO MINOR CONCESSIONS ON THIS ISSUE. FINALLY THE MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED. THE SOURCE ALSO TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE ISSUE OF US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SVN THROUGH JAPAN HAD POSED

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NO PROBLEM, AND THAT THE DRV DID NOT MENTION AID ONCE DURING THE TWO MONTHS. (SECRET) TOKYO 12271, 9/21 (EXDIS).

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: EC ORGANIZATION

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THAT FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD RAISED WITH FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH

AT TOKYO THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN EC COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR GATT QUESTIONS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE WOULD BE TO HAVE ECONOMIC OR FINANCE MINISTERS TAKE OVER FROM EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL BACKSTOPPING OF THE TOKYO ROUND. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 13649, 9/20.

US PARTICIPATION IN TYUMEN OIL PIPELINE PROJECT

ASAHI PRESS OF SEPT 21 REPORTS THAT THE US MAY STAY OUT OF TYUMEN OIL PROJECT. THIS CONCERN IS BASED ON A CASUAL REMARK MADE BY CHOU EN-LAI TO A HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE BUSINESS GROUP. CHOU REPORTEDLY TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE US WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE PART IN TYUMEN PROJECT. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE REMARK WAS TACTICAL MOVE TO DISCOURAGE JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT. OTHERS FEEL THAT CHOU EN-LAI MAY HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM DR. KISSINGER REGARDING US POSITION ON PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN FIRMS. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12282, 9/21.

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